



# Gillespie Field Development Council



## **A Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of El Cajon and County of San Diego**

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Cliff Leary  
*Chairman*

Jerry Hollingsworth  
*Vice Chairman*

Phyllis Trombi  
*Councilwoman*

Bob Parker  
*Councilman*

Ramzi Murad  
*Councilman*

### **DRAFT – SUBJECT TO GFDC APPROVAL April 15, 2008 MINUTES OF February 19, 2008**

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>STAFF PRESENT</u></b>
Cliff Leary	Peter Drinkwater
Jerry Hollingsworth	Roger Griffiths
Phyllis Trombi	Lee Ann Lardy
Bob Parker	Wendy Orth
Ramzi Murad	Sarah Solis
	Reggie Angquico

\*For others present, sign-in sheet is available in the Administration Building office.

#### **1. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Leary called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Hollingsworth made a motion that the minutes of January 15, 2008 be approved. Ms. Trombi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Leary introduced new councilman Ramzi Murad. He also recognized and awarded Reggie Angquico for his years of outstanding service as recording secretary to the Gillespie Field Development Council. Ms. Trombi and Mr. Barry Bardack echoed their thanks as well.

Mr. Leary spoke about a presentation in Mission Valley given by the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association of Air Safety Foundation. Mr. Leary advised that any pilots or people concerned with safety read the Nall report, which is a 10 year summary of condensed versions of accident reports. He noted that there has been a steady decline in accidents from 1997.

Mr. Leary reminded the general public to submit speaker slips and to keep their comments to 3 minutes.

4. AIRPORTS DIRECTOR UPDATE

Mr. Drinkwater stated that programs and projects at Gillespie Field are continuing to progress. Mr. Drinkwater advised that he and Mr. Leary are participating on the Airport Authority Advisory Committee. A recent meeting with the Airport Authority involved a discussion of the Regional Transportation Plan to be created per SB-10. The process involves looking at all regional transportation facilities and resources throughout the County of San Diego and by 2011 presenting a plan to SANDAG. Status will be provided as this subject develops.

5. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Griffiths presented a PowerPoint illustrating that January 2008 had 20,815 operations and 3 total noise complaints.

Mr. Bardack asked about the status of the PAPI's. Mr. Griffiths stated that the FAA will do a flight check on the PAPI's by the end of the month but explained that weather will play a factor. However, things are progressing and should be ready by the end of February.

Mr. Parker asked about the status of Silver State. Mr. Griffiths explained that Silver State has filed for bankruptcy, their building at Gillespie Field has been locked down complete with security guard, their hangers have been closed, and all employees have been laid off. Cindy DeGruchy of San Diego Aircraft spoke about the situation and bankruptcy process regarding Silver State.

6. REAL PROPERTY UPDATE

Ms. Lardy spoke about the current schedule of Cajon Air Center projection dates, Infrastructure Development schedule and RFP development dates. Ms. Lardy explained that due to the movement of dates for the EA/EIR, dates had to be changed for the RFP's as well. Ms. Trombi voiced her opinions regarding working as efficiently as possible in the hope that the dates could be moved up for financial and developmental reasons. Mr. Parker voiced his concerns regarding the length of time the approval is taking. Ms. Lardy echoed their sentiments.

7. GILLESPIE FIELD EA/EIR STATUS

Wendy Orth presented a PowerPoint regarding the Gillespie Field Redevelopment of the 70-acre Parcel and Land Acquisition Project. This presentation included an overview of the Environmental Review Process, what steps have been completed, the current status, the next steps, and information regarding the Public Review process. Mr. Leary asked how long it will take to incorporate comments into the document. Ms. Orth said it would take about a month. Ms. Trombi asked about comments not specific to the project. Ms. Orth answered that anything not related will not be incorporated into the document. Mr. Murad asked if the cities would be allowed to see the document again after the comments are included. Ms. Orth explained that the cities were allowed to see it once as a courtesy to them and they will not view it again until the Public Review. Ms. Trombi asked if the FAA did a walk-through or if everything was done through writing. Ms. Orth explained that she did not personally conduct a walk-through. Ms. Betty Chavetz asked if this was an amendment to the Master Plan and why safety wasn't explored by the EIR. Ms. Orth explained that this is only development of the specific piece of land and not an amendment to the Master Plan. She also explained that aspects of safety are addressed under various environmental factors under CEQA & NEPA. Mr. Hammerstrand shared his opinions regarding the development of the land.

8. OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ON MATTERS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED

Mr. Bardack expressed his concerns regarding requirements on leases, the necessity for a level playing field and fairness in the market place. Mr. Leary suggested compiling a list of his member's concerns and submitting them to County Airports staff.

Ms. Karen Gomes suggested that something be done to help relieve the financial burden on those Silver State students who paid tuition. Mr. Leary suggested some sort of voluntary legal defense fund. Mr. Murad asked about the number of people that have been affected. Mr. Griffiths said that to the best of his knowledge it was up to approximately 2,700 students nationwide, although only about 4 engineers, 20 instructors and approximately 100 students were based at Gillespie Field.

Mr. Andre Zeehandelaar suggested that anyone looking to help Silver State students refer to legal council or a bankruptcy lawyer. He also shared information regarding AMOC & NARCO and stated that some \$40 million in seized planes and assets have been recovered in Mexico.

9. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

Mr. Leary adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m. The next meeting of the Gillespie Field Development Council will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2008 in City Council Chambers, 200 E. Main Street, El Cajon.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
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